GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
REPLACEMENT OF OUTDATED RAILWAY COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of railway coaches are outdated and not comfortable for the journeys;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Railways to replace those outdated coaches ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 406 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2007 REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF OUTDATED RAILWAY COACHES

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

A codal life has been prescribed for different types of passenger coaches. Railways phase out overaged passenger coaches on a regular basis. Out of a total holding of approximately 47063 passenger coaches over the Indian Railways system, only 1034 coaches are overaged which constitute only 2.2 % of the total population.

Main line overaged coaches are normally not utilized in passenger services and are used only for departmental purpose. Few overaged coaches like Electrical Multiple Units and Narrow Gauge Coaches are however still in service. Due attention to all the safety and passenger comfort related items is provided to such coaches during scheduled inspections and maintenance and these are kept in satisfactory condition for passenger comfort.

(c) The acquisition of new coaches for augmenting the passenger transportation capabilities and also against replacement of overaged stock is a continual exercise for Indian Railways.